



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 30, 2019

7:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent**

Present: Mayor van den Broek
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor James
Councillor Martin
Councillor Pachal
Councillor Storteboom
Councillor Wallace

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
D. Leite, Director of Corporate Services
R. Thompson, Fire Chief
P. Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

The Mayor called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

The Mayor noted that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day which opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity for ALL Canadians to have meaningful discussions around reconciliation. It is a day for us to honour those who have passed, to recognize the survivors, and to remind ourselves that Every Child Matters.

She invited Kevin Kelly and Michael Kelly-Gabriel, Kwanten First Nation, to celebrate the events with a traditional drumming ceremony and honour song.

1. KWANTLEN FIRST NATION DRUMMING CEREMONY

Kevin Kelly & Michael Kelly-Gabriel thanked Council for welcoming them and for the new procedure acknowledging the First Nations. They performed a welcome drumming ceremony and honour song.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the September 30, 2019 Regular Agenda

MOVED BY Councillor James
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the September 30, 2019 agenda be amended to remove the Community Living Delegation, as the presenter was unable to attend the meeting, and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Martin
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 16, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- b. Special (Pre-Closed) Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2019

MOVED BY Councillor Albrecht
SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the minutes of the special (pre-closed) meeting held on September 16, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- a. Community Living BC (CLBC) - "Community Living Month"
Jerry Laidlaw

This item was removed from the agenda as the presenter was unable to attend the meeting.

- b. Grade Crescent Upgrade "Thank you"
Bruce Downing, Langley City Resident

Mr. Downing thanked Council for the work that was done to improve the Grade Crescent sidewalk making it much more usable by many different modes of transportation including: walkers, scooters, strollers etc. It has made a big difference and is being well used. He showed before and after pictures to illustrate how much of an improvement was made.

He expressed concern about the fact that there is no crosswalk at the south end of the City path from Grade Crescent across 48 Avenue to Simonds Elementary School. He made some suggestions as to how it could be improved including a paved path and crosswalk. He further suggested that 'school zone ahead' be painted on the road from the east approach to the school going up the hill. to advise drivers that a school is just ahead.

He asked for a commitment to action for a walkway paving and a new crosswalk to Simonds Elementary School. Mr. Downing continued by requesting that the City consider designating Grade Crescent a Heritage Road. He advised that after inquiring with the province, he learned that there is grant funding available for projects such as that through the Heritage Legacy Fund.

Mayor van den Broek thanked the Grade Crescent and Simonds area residents for coming to the meeting and for expressing their concerns.

There was discussion about a City policy prohibiting mid-block crosswalks unless they are controlled by a mechanical system (ie. Traffic signals)

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT staff report back to council with options for installing a crosswalk and/or other markings across 48 Avenue at Simonds Elementary School, and that staff reach out to the Langley School Board to seek out potential cost-sharing opportunities for the crosswalk and/or other markings.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that there is a mid-block crosswalk at Blacklock Elementary School. The City could approach the School District for a funding request for a Simonds crosswalk. Staff will return with an assessment and possible options.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

- c. Nicomekl River Flood Plain Fire Concern
Bruce Downing, Langley City Resident

Mr. Downing advised that he is concerned about a lack of a fire suppression plan in the case of a fire in the Nicomekl Flood Plain. He cited concern about fires, smoke, escape routes, and access routes. He suggested that the City engage a registered professional forester, or someone else qualified by training or experience in fire protection, to undertake an assessment and determine the fire hazard within the Nicomekl River Floodplain and adjoining nature trails.

He requested action to implement a fire suppression Plan to mitigate any liability issues and safety hazards.

5. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

- a. Langley Environmental Partners Society - Summer Eco Crew
Carly Stromsten, Watershed Restoration Technician, Eco Crew Leader

Ms. Stromsten provided a presentation illustrating what the Eco Crew accomplished this summer. She provided an overview of their work including:

- Project Goals - engage Langley youth in environmental projects through summer employment opportunities; Improve areas of natural habitat, provide community education and increase public environmental awareness; Promote local environmental stewardship at community events
- Project Measurables - Habitat enhancement; Invasive species removal; Environmental education; employability skills.
- Employability Skills – Teamwork; leadership; time management; communication; public outreach; plant identification; life skills workshop; stream-keepers course; occupational first aid; and bird tagging.

Mayor van den Broek thanked the team for all their work and for all that they accomplish every year.

Councillor Wallace invited the Eco Crew to provide the City with feedback if they see areas where we can improve our environmental protection efforts. Ms. Stromsten noted that Pleasantdale Creek could use additional clean up as there tends to be a larger amount of garbage on that trail.

In response to a question, Ms. Stromsten advised that Metro Vancouver has information on their website advising the public about how to remove and dispose of invasive species on private property.

- b. Emergency Preparedness Fair and Shake-Out Exercise
Ginger Sherlock, Emergency Coordinator

Ms. Sherlock discussed the impacts that a large-scale earthquake will have on the public when it happens. She advised that staff are ready to respond to an event of that magnitude and invited council to attend the Emergency Preparedness Fair to share with the public how to be ready. She noted that we will all need to be ready to camp for two weeks. Full scale exercises have been undertaken and first responders learned that there are many factors that impede assistance and that the previous

estimate of self sufficiency for a 72 hour response time is not realistic. The public need to be prepared to be self sufficient for up to two weeks.

The Emergency Preparedness Fair is taking place on October 5 from 10am-3pm at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

A Fire Prevention Awareness Event is taking place on Thursday, October 10 from 6:30pm-8pm. The public are invited to attend and learn how to prepare.

Councillor Storteboom posed a challenge to City Council to ride the 8.0 Richter scale earthquake simulator.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Upcoming Meetings
Regular Council Meeting – October 7, 2019
Regular Council Meeting – October 21, 2019

- b. Recreation Update

Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services provided an update on upcoming events including: Take a Kid Mountain Biking; and recreation programming that included: Youth Night, Team Pump, Yoga Pilates Fusion; TRX circuit, Core and Restore, Active Start Soccer, Family Art Drop In, and the Home Alone Program.

- c. Discover Langley City - Councillor Albrecht

Administration

The Community Ambassador program has ended. We will now begin our search for a Marketing Intern to join us for 10 hours per week.

We have begun a “refresh” on the website, with the intention to make it more user friendly and with easier navigation and updated content.

Marketing

Social media continues to be an important part of our marketing efforts. We have been focusing on promoting all events and activities in the city with particular attention paid to Langley City (#LCLive) and DLBA events.

Our focus was to highlight Langley City as a destination for Festivals and we did that by providing a printed list of events to the hotels and handed them out at events, as well as an e-newsletter that was sent each month.

The new attractions and restaurant guides have been popular and have been distributed at every event we attend, given to the hotels and stocked at City Hall and the Library. We did a second printing of the restaurant guides and the stock of those have been depleted. We will wait until 2020 to update and re-print them.

The mural guide is currently being updated with the many new murals painted over the summer from the DLBA mural contest. The new walking guide is being updated to reflect our other guides with complimentary colours and styles.

Community Engagement

Community Events. Our ambassadors were at events 4-5 days per week and raised the profile of Discover Langley City, while handing out resources that highlighted all the things there are to see and do. These events included the Pop-up Play and the Lunch and Lounge, the Farmers market, Al Anderson Memorial Pool, City Hall, and every event that were held in McBurney Plaza.

Discover Langley City provided treats at the DLBA events to show off our hospitality that included Gourmet Ice Pops, Mini Donuts, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and Cupcakes – a smash hit with festival goers!

The Community Ambassador program has been wildly successful, and we intend to bring it back for 2020 again, should we be successful in receiving another Canada Summer Jobs Grant.

The mural walks have been very successful, and we have seen a wide range of visitors from locals to out of town guests, with the hotels helping to promote it and sending guests to join us.

The Prize Wheel was a very effective way to draw people into our tent and prompt a conversation. The prizes included coupons to Langley City attractions and stores, as well as a chance to win a grand prize.

d. "Place to Be" Promotional Video Release

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the updated Place to Be promotional video. There are many different shortened versions of the video to play for a variety of audiences.

e. 2019 Christmas Wish Breakfast - November 26, 2019

Mayor van den Broek advised that the Christmas Wish Breakfast will be taking place again on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 6:30am – 9:30am at Newlands Golf and Country Club. If you wish to sponsor contact organizers at wishbreakfast@newlandsgolf.com.

7. **BYLAWS**

a. Bylaw 3111 - Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

First, second and third reading of a bylaw to exempt certain lands and improvements from municipal taxation for the year 2020

MOVED BY Councillor Martin

SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2019, No. 3111" be read a first time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2019, No. 3111" be read a second time.

THAT the bylaw cited as the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2019, No. 3111" be read a third time.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Wallace

THAT the bylaw be amended to include the Langley Food Bank to the list of exempt properties.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED Councillor Storteboom noted that the Langley Food Bank has been a community partner for over 30 years putting food on the table of our residents. He felt it was an extension of the faith community at large.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT and same was

DEFEATED

Mayor van den Broek, Councillors' Albrecht, James, Martin and Pachal opposed.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION it was

MOVED BY Councillor Storteboom

SECONDED BY Councillor Pachal

THAT the bylaw be amended to include the Langley Hospital Auxiliary, located on Fraser Highway, to the list of exempt properties.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT Councillor Storteboom noted that Langley City does not have a hospital within its boundaries. The Langley Hospital Auxiliary are an extension of the hospital as they directly support Langley Memorial Hospital.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE AMENDMENT and same was

DEFEATED

Mayor van den Broek, Councillors' Albrecht, James, Martin, Pachal and Wallace opposed.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION and same was

CARRIED

8. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motions/Notices of Motion
- b. Correspondence
 - 1. Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC
Fair Employment Week October 7-11, 2019

c. New Business

Councillor Albrecht noted that there was recently an incident in Vancouver where a worker was killed on the job. He wanted to reinforce the importance of safety at work and suggested it may be worthwhile to renew and refresh the importance and awareness of safety in our workplaces.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Councillor Pachal
SECONDED BY Councillor James

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER